

COUNCIL ON MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS

DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION:

COMIO identifies strategies to respond to the needs of persons with serious mental illness who are at risk or presently involved in the criminal justice system.

MISSION:

COMIO investigates and promotes cost-effective approaches to meeting the long-term needs of adults and juveniles with mental disorders who are likely to become offenders or who have a history of offending.

GOALS:

CDCR Penal code, Section 6044 states, " The goal of the council shall be to investigate and promote cost-effective approaches to meeting the long-term needs of adults and juveniles with mental disorders who are likely to become offenders or who have a history of offending. The council shall:

- (1) Identify strategies for preventing adults and juveniles with mental health needs from becoming offenders.
- (2) Identify strategies for improving the cost-effectiveness of services for adults and juveniles with mental health needs who have a history of offending.
- (3) Identify incentives to encourage state and local criminal justice, juvenile justice, and mental health programs to adopt cost-effective approaches for serving adults and juveniles with mental health needs who are likely to offend or who have a history of offending.

Based on the statutory language above, we offer the following goal statements:

- 1) Identify strategies for prevent individuals with mental illness from entering or re-entering the criminal justice system.
- 2) Identify strategies to improve the ability of offenders with mental health needs to transition safely and successfully into the community.
- 3) For those who must remain incarcerated, held, or institutionalized, recommend cost-effective approaches to assure appropriate levels of care and ensure public safety.
- 4) Identify and address resources, emerging issues, and best practices to address those issues.

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STRATEGIES:

- 1) Identify and address emerging issues through the development of white papers.
- 2) Educate the Governor, Legislature, Courts, and Counties on emerging issues and best practices to address those issues.
- 3) Make recommendations on legislative changes regarding emerging issues and best practices to address those issues.

ACTIONS:

1) White Paper Committee:

This committee is being created to review white papers and identify the most critical issues related to the Governor's proposal for realignment (AB109) that need to be addressed in relationship to the "Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues."

Members:

- David Meyer
- Judge Manley
- (Peggy Ritchie will select additional members from the Mental Health Program)

Deliverable	Purpose	Staff Assigned	Status / Details	Due Date
1) Contact Jay Atkinson & Brenda Grealish to get data information	Have Population data to support issues	-Tess Rico -Tess sending them meeting notice	Complete	
2) Issues identified for collaborative work: and AB109 White Paper and "Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues."	COMIO members will identify how they will assist with the implementation of the recommendations.	Karen Moen	Complete -Posted on the website	
3) Gather additional Committee participants from the Mental Health Program	Review White Papers for critical issues	Coordination by Mental Health Staff (P.Ritchie)	Complete Dr. Scaramozzino identified: Virginia Steele-Pirie & Marilyn Immoos	
4) Organize	Review White	Tess Rico	Complete	

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Committee Meeting(s)	Paper on AB109; identify collaboration issues with the Task Force Report sited above.		Provide: Scheduling Agenda Ab109 and Task Force Report; Facilitation	
5) Contact List for Letter	Who should receive the Letter	Tess Rico	Complete – White Paper Committee Julie Henderson has a list of contacts *	
6) Compose letter of Recommendations		Tess Rico	Complete	

2) **Social Media:**

A social medial presence will be created to improve the committee's ability to communicate and affect the goals.

Deliverable	Purpose	Staff Assigned	Due Date
1) Draft of Social Media site with links to the COMIO website	Social medial presence and communication	Charles	Seaside Conference 3/23/11
2) Continue to improve and add information to the website and social media sites.			